

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	Brown et al.
Application No.:	Not yet assigned
Filed:	Concurrently herewith
For:	Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent
Group Art Unit:	Not yet assigned

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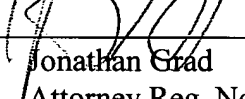
Docket No: S63.2N-6769-US04

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Applicant hereby requests that the above application be made special pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02. This application contains claims which if issued, are believed to be infringed by a product being sold in the United States. More specifically, the application contains claims which if issued, are believed to be infringed by the MULTI-LINK VISION™ stent available from Guidant Corporation. A Declaration of an attorney of record is submitted herewith. The prior art which I believe to be most pertinent is listed in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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